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Comptroller Officer Assignments

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Our most fast and furious assignment cycle is upon us! The CY01 FM CC Board, the Air Staff interview process, and the Summer 01 match cycle are all in full swing. This results in the majority of FM officers rotating during the summer cycle. January through March is definitely a very dynamic time for us at HQ AFPC! Please give us a call if you are a summer 01 vulnerable mover and have questions about your upcoming rotation.

The newly designed Preference Worksheet (PW) will facilitate the match process during this extremely busy cycle. The enhanced PW, available online 1 November 2000, offers five additional location preferences and three extra duty locations. The increase in duty locations results from the addition of the career broadening section. This drop-down menu gives the member a chance to volunteer for a special duty tour outside of FM. NOTE: Volunteering for a broadening assignment does not guarantee selection. Please call us if you want to discuss broadening opportunities that are available for 65F officers to fill. The new PW format also adds new sections to request short/long overseas tours and joint spouse assignments. Lastly, this updated PW allows the member to recall a draft PW from the reviewer before it is forwarded to AFPC. Preference Worksheets in the old format will remain in read only status until a new PW is completed. Members are encouraged to update their PW in the new format as soon as possible. Please note that the enhanced PW now separates duty preferences from location desires. This validates the Air Force Officer Assignment System policy that we match assignments based on job requirements versus location preferences.

Another new officer assignment initiative is the change to the 7-Day Option Policy. Lieutenant Colonels and below with less than 19 years of service are now authorized to request a retirement date instead of accepting an Active Duty Service Commitment (ADSC) beyond their 20 year point. This retirement date cannot be any later than the first day of the month following the month in which the officer reaches their 20 years of Total Air Force Military Service (TAFMS). This new

policy prevents officers from involuntarily serving beyond their 20 years. Current policy only allows officers with less than 19 years TAFMS the choice to separate prior to 20 years, or take an assignment and incur an ADSC beyond 20 years. NOTE: Officers must meet the commissioning and time-in-grade rules to be eligible for this new policy. Officers may be directed to fulfill the original assignment requirement through their approved retirement date to meet Air Force needs. Please review AFI 36-2107 for additional information on this new Air Force initiative.

Lastly, don't forget that another assignment consideration for the summer move cycle is the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) at Wright-Patterson AFB OH. This program provides an excellent opportunity for junior officers to obtain a Master's degree in Cost Analysis. The AFIT sponsored program is one of the top graduate programs in the country specializing in cost estimating. The degree includes a mix of the latest cost estimating theory and application courses coupled with AFIT's acquisition management courses. Applicants must have an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 and minimum GMAT scores of 550 and/or combined GRE scores of 1100. Waivers to these standards are worked on a case-by-case basis; officers should not eliminate themselves without speaking to an academic counselor. The academic year begins in August of each summer with graduation in late March. Military members incur a three-year active duty service obligation upon graduation and are assigned to a validated cost analysis billet to utilize their expertise. If you would like more information on the Cost Analysis degree program, please contact Lt Col William Stockman, DSN 785-3636 x4796 or Capt Lisa McColgan, DSN 665-2304 x3.

Please don't hesitate to give us a call. We look forward to talking with you!

